



South Coast Air Quality Management District's

## Notice of Public Consultation Meeting

### PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1304 - EXEMPTIONS PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1306 – EMISSION CALCULATIONS



**Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

**1:30 p.m.**

AQMD Headquarters

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Auditorium

#### Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public consultation meeting to present staff's proposal to amend **Rule 1304 – Exemptions** and **Rule 1306 – Emission Calculations**.

This Public Consultation Meeting will allow comments and discussion on the proposal with all public members, including potentially impacted stakeholders and other interested parties.

The staff proposal, based on feedback from impacted stakeholders during the public consultation meeting or in written comments, will be considered by the AQMD Governing Board at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for *April 1, 2005*.

#### Air Quality Objective

AQMD's New Source Review (NSR) program is designed to ensure that construction and operation of new and modified sources do not interfere with progress towards attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has distinct differences from the federal NSR program. AQMD is required to demonstrate that its NSR program achieves, at a minimum, emission reductions equivalent to federal requirements.

#### Summary of Proposed Amendments

Rule 1304 details circumstances that are exempt from certain Regulation XIII requirements. Rule 1306 is used as the basis for calculating applicability of Regulation XIII as stated in Rule 1301(b) and Rule 1303. This rule is also the basis for calculating daily emission increases and decreases used for offset requirements and Emission Reduction Credits.

The proposed amendments will clarify that equipment subject to New Source Review for a concurrent facility modification shall be evaluated based on a potential-to-emit to potential-to-emit basis.

#### California Environmental Quality Act

AQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15002(k)(1) and has concluded that the proposed project is administrative in nature because it codifies existing practice. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3).

Upon approval of the proposed project, a notice of exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 and sent for posting to the county clerks in the four counties within the jurisdiction of the SCAQMD.

### **Available Supporting Documents**

- a. PAR 1304 – Exemptions.
- b. PAR 1306 – Emission Calculations.
- c. A preliminary draft staff report in the form of a draft Board letter regarding proposed amendments to Rule 1304 and Rule 1306 will be available on or before *March 1, 2005*.

### **To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents**

Copies of the above documents will be listed on the AQMD website under Rules, and hard copies may be obtained from:

Ms. Barbara Beck  
AQMD Public Information Center  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
(909) 396-2039

### **Submission of Documents or Comments**

The public is requested to send documents, studies, data, reports, or comments that may be relevant to the amendments or proposed rule outlined above by March 25, 2005, to:

Shams Hasan  
AQMD  
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources  
21865 Copley Drive  
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Questions regarding the proposed amendments or the proposed rule can be directed to Shams Hasan at 909-396-2338 or by E-mail to [shasan@aqmd.gov](mailto:shasan@aqmd.gov)

Comments and suggestions regarding potential environmental impacts from the proposed amendments should be directed to:

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